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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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Since you have recently retired at the end of a distinguished Government career, it is appropriate that we express to you our appreciation of the guidance, understanding, and support you gave to this Agency throughout its growing years.

Before the Agency was recognized by statute, it was only through techniques worked out with you that the Central Intelligence Group was able effectively to lay the foundations for the future Agency. Once formally established, the Agency was faced with a requirement for the authorities necessary to carry out its functions. Again your understanding of our responsibilities and the problem of undertaking them in the cold war era was a powerful influence in the passage of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949. This act is now time tested, and our experience has shown that the wide authorities granted to this Agency are essential to its ability to perform effectively.

Many other times you have considered our problems, some of them perhaps unique in Government, and always we found your counsel constructive. It was therefore with great regret that we saw you leave the Government, but we extend our best wishes for a long career in the comparatively simple life of private industry.

Sincerely,

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